

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting of Tuesday, 02 December 2014  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

**MINUTES**

**1. The meeting was called to order** at 5:02p by Tom Bruhn in the absence of a quorum.

*Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan (from 5:20p). *Members absent:* Kim Bova, Prescott Powers. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).

**2. New committee liaison.** Jay, who has served as the liaison between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Committee since its first meeting (18 Dec 2000!), announced that he is increasingly beset by other duties and will be passing this job on to Kimberly Blair early in 2015. Ms. Blair, who has worked part time for Parks and Rec, is now employed by the Community School of the Arts and is interested in the Committee's work.

**3. Eagleville Schoolhouse.** The Committee agreed in November to decide at this meeting whether to recommend that the Town consider using this facility for arts instruction and exhibits. However, the absence of two members led those present – a bare quorum when David arrived amid discussion of this item – to put off action until January. Scott agreed to draft a letter to the Town Manager, so that there would be something concrete to discuss.

**4. The draft minutes** of the 04 November meeting were approved as written.

**5. Application to exhibit art form.** Scott made several suggestions regarding David's proposed upgrade of information about exhibiting art now posted on the Committee's webpage:

a) Simplify the cover page. Some material relating to signatures is now obsolete, and mention of different display venues at the MCC might be moved to the MCC application form.

b) Separate the "Estimation of value and artist's consent" form from the application form. Applications rarely specify precisely which works the artist proposes to exhibit; instead, the artist typically submits photos of works from which s/he will select those to be exhibited, or of works representative of those to be exhibited.

c) Add to "Art Display Procedures" a reminder about insurance, a prohibition on posting prices, and a request for an artist information sheet.

David will rework his text for the January meeting.

**6. Exhibiting prize-winning works of art at the MCC.** David presented a draft statement of policy concerning display of prize-winning works of art at the MCC, making clear that certain types of works would be rejected as unsuitable for the venue. Scott suggested substitute wording that invites inquiries from sponsors of juried art shows but makes clear that the Committee's guidelines and procedures will be followed in approving such displays. David will consider the suggestion in preparing a second draft for the January meeting.

**7. 2015 meeting dates.** Those present agreed that meeting at 5:00p on the first Tuesday of each month (save for July & August, when the Committee does not schedule a regular monthly meeting) would be fine. Jay will submit the proper dates to the Town Clerk.

**8. MCC exhibits.** There are, alas, no new applications, so we have only Andrew Facchinetti's exhibit scheduled for the winter quarter. Tom suggested mentioning the opportunity to exhibit at the MCC to artists now holding open studios; he will also draft an invitation that could be e-mailed to them. Tom will also ask Nicky Bach at UConn if there are any ceramics students who

might be interested in exhibiting their work.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
09/01 – 10/14		<i>Celebrate Mansfield advertising &amp; art show</i>				
	<i>David Morse</i>					
10/15 – 01/14	(Joan Hall's writings)	<i>Dhammika Bandara</i>			<i>Jane Waller Collins</i> (paintings & pastels)	
		(oils)				
01/15 – 04/14					<i>Andrew Facchinetti</i> (mixed media)	

**9. Adjourned** at 6:14p. Next meeting: 5:00p, Tuesday, 06 January 2015.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 03 December 2014; approved 06 January 2015.